

(d) In order to strengthen the SSI sector and to enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally, the Government has announced a Comprehensive Policy Package on 30.8.2000. The Policy package includes enhanced fiscal, credit and marketing support, technology upgradation and quality improvement.

Industrial activities under PMRY

4554. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ratio of the industrial activities for which loans are to be given under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana;

(b) whether it is a fact that the applications received and considered for industrial activities are very less; and

(c) what steps are being taken to promote more industrial activities under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per the reports received from the States/UTs, out of the total sanctions under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), the share of the loans for industrial activities is 20.6 per cent. No ratio of loans for industrial activities has been specified in the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY).

(c) A number of steps have been taken to improve this share including enhancement in the maximum project cost for the industrial activities; longer duration of training and release of training funds at higher rate (both for stipend and training expenses) for the industrial activities vis-a-vis other activities under the PMRY.